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Inventor(s): Michael D. LAUFER  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING SMOOTH  
MUSCLES IN THE WALLS OF BODY CONDUITS  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 17, 2005.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.